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GAY TEACHERS CONFRONTING AND AVOIDING DETECTION

BY TONY VINCENTE

"It is dangerous to let gays work with children."

"Gays are out to snare small children, either for recruitment into the gay lifestyle or for seduction and rape."

"Gays seek to grow in numbers through recruiting children."

For years gay teachers have been victims of these myths. Fears about gays as role models, either inside or outside school, are based on the assumption that homosexuality is a matter of choice. No one is gay by choice. The only choice involved is whether to accept one's homosexuality. Studies have uncovered no evidence that role models influence sexual orientation, and children have many role models other than teachers.

No one has identified the psychological and physiological factors that cause homosexuality. It is ludicrous to think that knowing or admiring a gay person will cause students to become gay themselves. Some non-gays make this assertion. Others do not object to gay teachers as long as they stay in the closet. What they fear is gay visibility.

So visibility becomes a major concern for gay teachers. Chris is a former substitute teacher who left the profession. As a gay teacher, his school schedule placed a strain on his gay social life. Going out on a school night became a rarity. With his new job, Chris' schedule became less stressful and rigid. He was more able to socialize during the week and less likely to be approached by fellow office workers about his nights out than by a closely knit family of teachers.

Being seen at a bar by a fellow gay teacher was not really a problem for

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NEXT MEETING

The February meeting of Le-Hi-Ho is the most important one of the year--our annual business meeting and election of board members. The meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. February 24 at the Lambda Center.

Looking ahead to March, Rita Addessa will be our speaker on the 24th. Rita is executive director of the Philadelphia Lesbian and Gay Task Force.

Mark these meeting dates on your calendar now; you won't want to miss either one.

BYLINE

AN APPEAL FROM THE PRESIDENT OF LE·HI·HO

As we enter 1985, the sixteenth year of our existence, we in Le-Hi-Ho have much to be grateful for. And looking into the past, an equal amount to be proud of.

Le-Hi-Ho has certainly had an impact on the Lehigh Valley. Recently, for inst ance, the organization worked with the Allentown Police Department to curb violence against gays.

In 1984, the Lambda Community Center, which had its beginnings at a Le-Hi-Ho board meeting, was opened. Soon thereafter, the "hot line" was reactivated. (The original hot line was operated by Le-Hi-Ho.) And those of you who have attended our regular monthly meetings know the variety and timeliness of our programs. In the last two years, for instance, invaluable lectures on AIDS were presented by authorities on the disease. In another, a mother and father discussed the relationship with their gay sons.

But is with individuals where, I feel, Le-Hi-Ho has had the greatest impact. Many, many are the stories I hear from someone who was aided in the "coming out" process by Le-Hi-Ho. Others' lives were changed by our positive influence.

Buy if we are to continue in our mission, we need your help. As we begin the year, our finances are depleted. If Le-Hi-Ho and its presence in the community are important to you, dig into your pockets and make a special contribution. This can either be mailed to the above address or donated at a meeting.

We need your money. But make no mistake, we also need you. Contributions of time, talent and resources are the words for 1985.

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WOMANEWS

AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE BARS

BY KIPPIE BRACKEN

The traditional gathering place for lesbians and gay men has always, regrettably, been the gay bar. This being fact, it is little wonder that alcoholism is so much higher in the gay community than in other groups.

Also, the atmosphere in the bars is not likely to promote long and lasting friendships nor is it conducive to stimulating conversations. Contributing to the problem is the lack of alternative meeting places within the gay community. Such places are, unfortunately, few and far between.

Amethyst Sisters, the Boston-based lesbian cooperative, has enjoyed remarkable success with their commitment to chemical-free social and recreational programs. Closer to home, SisterSpace in Philadelphia has attempted to address the problem by setting up chemical-free programs at their annual "SisterSpace Weekend." Women who have attended the weekend, however, complain of drink and drug users violating the "clean" space.

To my knowledge, these two groups have been the only organizations on the East Coast attempting to address the issue. Until recently, that is, when the Lambda Center opened in Allentown.

The Center, which is certainly a step in the right direction, has offered the community its first real alternative to the bars. And the unique programming being set up by center women is surely an option well worth the consideration of the local lesbian population.

To provide an interesting and workable alternative, a diverse schedule of programs--including rap groups, speakers and planned activities--is being offered each Monday evening from 7 to 10 p. m. One Monday of each month, for instance, "The Woman's Reading Group" meets. The group, which is led by an academic, provides the opportunity to discuss classical and contemporary literature. The aim of the "Woman's Night" programs is to develop a supportive environment where women from all age groups, experiences and backgrounds can come together to socialize and get to know one another--away from the "unreal" surroundings of the bars.

It is difficult to assess the impact this new and exciting dimension can have on our lives. Our community, which has for years suffered from fragmentation, now has within its grasp the opportunity to join together and share the common bonds which unite us in sisterhood. The potential is definitely there--all we have to do is use it.

HOTLINE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The next training session for the Lesbian and Gay Hotline will take place in February. The trainees of this session will staff the line on Friday nights beginning in March.

The hotline will then be open every other night of the week. Support your community and join the other volunteers who are already on the phone. To volunteer, call the hotline Sunday or Tuesday evenings at 433-5444, or write P.O. Box 1633, Allentown 18105.

GAY TEACHERS

Chris. He acknowledged the other gay teacher's presence, but neither talked to the other at school about the incident. Some gay teachers in this situation choose to discuss their gayness and build meaningful relationships.

Dan does not frequent the gay scene and leads a closeted life. He does not want to risk placing his job in jeopardy by being seen at a gay establishment. Even though his chances are slim of being spotted by school board members or parents of his students, Dan is not willing to take the chance. He is not alone in that decision. Some teachers deal with the potential problem from visibility by only going to bars and discos far from their homes and schools.

Neal and John are lovers who teach in a large metropolitan area and live quietly in the suburbs. Their common interest in theater, art and music occupies most of their free time together. They dislike bars and discos and seldom go there.

Teaching in the same school building early in the relationship was a problem for the couple. Fellow teachers were quick to detect the closeness of the duo. John transferred to another building and the problem no longer exists.

Neal and John are very open about discussing their gayness with other teachers, when asked. Their school system is large and the faculty is open-minded enough to accept them. Other teachers are not so fortunate.

Such is the case with Dennis. He is an elementary-school teacher who seldom talks about his home or social life with the faculty. No teacher has questioned Dennis' sexuality. If approached, he won't comment on his life outside of school. A non-gay teacher from Dennis' school and her husband enjoy dancing at Dennis' favorite gay nightspot. So to avoid discovery, Dennis rarely goes there.

Is a teacher's sexuality really anyone else's concern? As long as a teacher performs his or her required classroom obligations--and many gay teachers go far beyond that in their concern--the answer has to be an emphatic "no."

NEWSLINE

Le-Hi-Ho, Inc., has a new address. Please make a note of it: Box 1633, Allentown, PA 18015.

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A Gay Men's Support Group is forming February 6, with open-ended, ongoing sessions. The group will meet Wednesday evenings, 6 to 8 p.m. Participation is limited to 12 individuals, but is open to new members as vacancies occur.

The purpose is to provide a confidential atmosphere of support, sharing and guidance to foster personal growth as contemporary gay men.

Members are asked to commit to attending 8 sessions. After that, continuation or termination is by individual choice. For more information, call 538-2686 (The Alliance for Creative Development).

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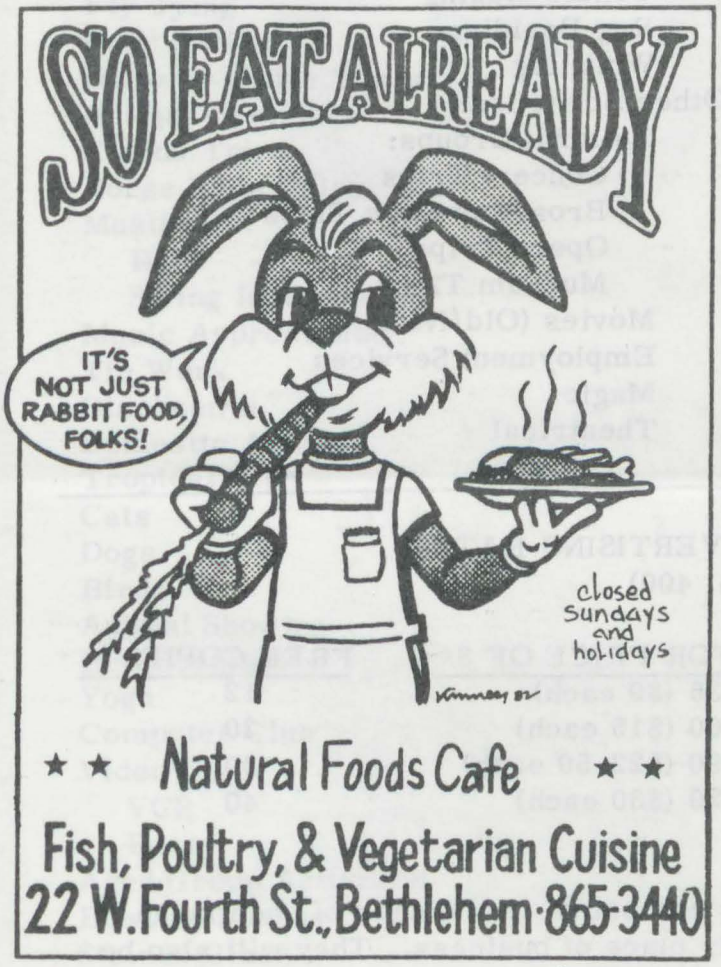

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- Foreign Language:
  - French
  - German
  - Spanish
- Taxes:
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- Photography
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- Needle Crafts:
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  - Crewel
  - Creative Stichery
  - Practical Sewing
- Chair Caning
- Glass Blowing
- Quilting
- Upholstering
- Russian Easter Eggs
- Motorcycle Repair
- Basic Auto Mechanics
- Weaving & Spinning
- Bagpipe Band
- Calligraphy
- Dance:
  - Folk
  - Square
  - Ballroom
  - Texas 2-Step
  - Aerobics
- Candle Making
- Rug Braiding
- Whittling

Other Activities:

- Cultural Groups:
  - Concert Trips
  - Broadway Show Trips
  - Opera Trips
  - Museum Trips
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- Employment Services
- Magic
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Hotline open 7 to 10 p.m.

Every Tuesday
Hotline open 7 to 10 p.m.

Every Wednesday

Lambda Christian Community worship service at the Lambda Center, 7:30 p.m.

Every Saturday
Game Time, 3 to 7 p.m. at the Lambda Center.

Monday, February 4
Singles Night 7 to 10 p.m. at the Lambda Center.

Monday, February 11
Over-40 Night, 7 to 10 p.m. at the Lambda Center.

Thursday, February 14
Valentine's Day!

Young Adult (18-25) group, 8 to 10 p.m. at the Lambda Center.

Hotline training, 7:30 p.m. at the Lambda Center.

Monday, February 18
Presidents' Day

Women's Night, 7:30 to 11 p.m. at the Lambda Center.

Thursday, February 21
Hotline training 7:30 p.m. at the Lambda Center.

Sunday, February 24
Le-Hi-Ho meeting at 2:00 p.m. See page one for details.

Potluck Social at the Lambda Center from 4 to 7 p.m.

Monday, February 25
Couples Night, 7 to 10 p.m. at the Lambda Center.

Thursday, February 28
Hotline training, 7:30 at the Lambda Center.

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The Lehigh Valley Lesbian and Gay Community Center needs you. Membership is only $15 a year and entitles you to voting and other privileges.

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You mean you know someone who had a birthday this month and you didn't wish them a Happy Birthday in the News? What kind of friend are you? Plan ahead next time! (First names only.)

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Salesperson needed one or two afternoons a month to contact current advertisers and find new ones. Help us expand the newsletter. Lots of contacts, no pay. Write the editor.

Gay and Lesbian Hotline of the Lehigh Valley needs volunteers. You will be trained in information referral and crisis intervention. Call the Hotline at 433-5444.

JOBS WANTED

Sparkle 'n Shine Specialist. House or apartment cleaning in the Lehigh Valley. Weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly rates available. Contact Gail c/o Le-Hi-Ho News.

MISCELLANEOUS

File cabinets and bookcases needed to house the Le-Hi-Ho library and archives of the last 15 years. The collection will be kept at the Lambda Center.

ORGANIZATIONS

Dignity is forming a chapter in the Lehigh Valley. To find out more, write: Dignity, Box 297, Harrisburg, PA 17108.

Presbyterians for Lesbian/Gay Concerns, working for full participation in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Monthly newsletter, local support groups, national conferences. Write: PLGC, c/o James D. Anderson, Box 38, New Brunswick, NJ 08903.

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Zesty chick pea spread with cucumber slices, grated carrots and alfalfa sprouts.

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Marinated sliced tofu with hummus, sliced mushrooms, grated carrots and sprouts.

Turkey in a Basket 2.30
Sliced turkey breast, tomato wedges, sprouts and herbed mayonnaise dressing.

Sunshine Wedge 1.95
Monterey Jack cheese, sunflower seeds, tomato wedges, cucumber slices and sprouts with herbed mayonnaise.

Charlie Sent'Ya Sandwich 2.10
Tasty tuna salad made with chopped egg, celery and onions, served with tomato wedges and alfalfa sprouts.

Humpty Dumpty 1.75
Slices of egg served with chopped ripe olives, fresh tomato wedges, sprouts and mayonnaise.

The Club Wedge 3.00
Roast turkey breast, Virginia ham, and Monterey Jack cheese with tomato wedges, herbed dressing and alfalfa sprouts.

Soups & Salads

Lentil Soup ..... .85 cup 1.25 bowl
With pita bread.

Soup of the Week ..... .95 cup 1.35 bowl
With pita bread.

Chili ..... 1.65 cup 2.15 bowl
Served with fresh cornbread. (seasonal)

German Style Potato Salad ..... .85
With fresh parsley.

Tabouli Salad ..... .85
Cracked wheat, chopped onions, parsley, tomatoes with a hint of mint and lemon juice.

Beverages

Apple Juice ..... .70 Sm. 1.00 Lg.
Unfiltered with no preservatives

Fresh Lemonade ..... .70 Sm. 1.00 Lg.
Made with honey. (seasonal)

Herbed Ice Tea ..... .70

Coke, Root Beer, Ginger Ale ..... .50 Sm. .75 Med. .95 Lg.

Egg Cream ..... .95
A poor man's ice cream soda made with milk, syrup and seltzer.

Perrier Water ..... .80

Coffee, Tea, Sanka ..... .45

Herb Tea ..... .55
Cinnamon, Mint, and Apple.

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Scoop Chocolate Brownies ..... .65
Rich and chocolatey, with walnuts.

Carrot Cake 1.15
Moist and fresh, made with coconut and walnuts.

Cowboy Cookies ..... .45
Oatmeal cookies, with carob chips, coconut and walnuts.

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Our own brand of all natural ice cream served in cups and on cones.

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